

Utah State Medical Association

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Annual Meeting of State Association—This meeting is in progress as California and Western Medicine goes to press. Full proceedings will be published in the August number. The papers presented at the meeting will be published in subsequent issues.

Salt Lake County Medical Society (reported by M. M. Critchlow, secretary)—A regular meeting of the Salt Lake County Medical Society was held at the Holy Cross Hospital, Monday, May 26, the program being arranged by the staff of the Holy Cross Hospital. Forty-six members and eight visitors were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted without correction.

A. N. Minear gave the history of a case of osteomyelitis. This disease was discussed by A. G. Hosmer, who presented x-ray films of two cases, and described the clinical course and treatment.

Sol G. Kahn presented a case of fracture of the third cervical vertebra, the patient's symptoms being relieved by extension.

J. J. Galligan presented a case of multiple fracture of the spine in the lumbar region, with residual pain along the course of the left sciatic.

A. J. Murphy showed the pathological specimens of some dermoid cysts, four cases of which he had operated upon within a period of ten days.

J. P. Kerby read a paper on "Anomalies, Injuries, and Diseases of the Spine from an X-ray Standpoint," and presented some very interesting films to illustrate the conditions described in his paper.

A letter from E. Libman of New York to G. G. Richards, relative to Professor Aschoff's stay in Salt Lake City next month, was read. Sol G. Kahn moved that Professor Aschoff's lecture be held at 5 p. m., July 25, 1924, and that the subject be chosen by the committee. Seconded and carried.

L. J. Paul reported for the committee to act with the Fraternal Liaison Committee of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War. He read a letter from the general committee which asked for \$300 from physicians and surgeons of Salt Lake City. He suggested that the Salt Lake County Medical Society go on record as approving or disapproving this quota, and offered a resolution to the effect that the members of the society make voluntary contributions in the amount of \$2 or more to assist in defraying the expenses incident to this convention.

F. H. Raley moved that the resolutions be adopted, seconded and carried, as follows:

It is hereby resolved that the members of the Salt Lake County Medical Society at the regular session held May 26, 1924, desire to express their approval and willingness to assist in making the Fourth National Convention of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War at Salt Lake City, June 23, 1924, a success.

It is further resolved that small contributions be made of \$2 or more by each member of the society to assist in defraying the expenses incident to a convention of this size and importance.

Joseph A. Phipps discussed his recent malpractice suit.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05, after which delicious refreshments were served by Sister Superior and her staff.

Minutes of the Meeting of June 9, of the Salt Lake County Medical Society—The society met June 9, at the Commercial Club, Salt Lake City, Utah, President A. A. Kerr presiding. Fifty-two members and

three visitors were present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted without correction.

President Kerr opened the meeting with a few well-chosen remarks relative to the business side of medicine.

In the absence of W. R. Calderwood, Thomas E. Clark reported for the Investigating Committee and offered a resolution. This was discussed by Willard Christopherson, City Health Commissioner, who objected to the phraseology. It was moved by R. R. Hampton that the resolution be referred back to the committee for rewording. Further discussion by Thomas E. Clark, G. G. Richards, Willard Christopherson, Helmina Jeidell, William F. Beer, and W. C. Cheney. A. P. Kirtley seconded the motion of R. R. Hampton. W. W. Barber moved that the resolution be adopted, but this was out of order. Further discussion by Helmina Jeidell and W. L. Felt. Original motion was voted upon and carried.

R. R. Hampton gave a verbal report for the Public Health and Legislation Committee. He recommended that the State Board of Health broadcast health news instead of the Salt Lake County Medical Society, and also recommended that Willard Christopherson inform the citizens of Salt Lake City, through the press, about the character of cases the Emergency Hospital is authorized to take care of.

H. P. Kirtley reported for E. F. Root for the Medico Legal Committee. He moved that a copy of the report be sent J. C. Landenberger, chairman of the Committee of Professional Welfare and Ethics for the Utah State Medical Association. Seconded by G. G. Richards, and carried.

There followed a discussion in which R. R. Hampton, Spencer Wright, F. H. Raley, and William F. Beer participated relative to the possibility of the society recommending to the insurance company that a physician be denied insurance if the society thought he was not ethical.

G. G. Richards reported for the Aschoff Committee.

L. J. Paul reported for the Disabled American Veterans of the World War Committee.

Applications for membership signed by George E. McBride and M. Skolfield were read and referred to the board of censors.

A communication from the Doctors' Business Bureau of this city was read.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15. Adjournment was followed by a buffet luncheon and smoker.

Chartering and Supervision of Educational Institutions—One of the great needs in the field of both general and professional education in the United States is the establishment in each state of a board or commission which will have in charge, not only the decision regarding the issuing of charters to proposed educational institutions, but also to supervise such institutions after they have been established, and to recall the charters in case the institutions are conducted in an unethical or disreputable manner. Through the lack of just such agencies this country had been the birthplace of more irregularly conducted, underworld, standardless, conscienceless, irresponsible, so-called educational institutions than any other country on the face of the globe. At the present time any coterie of men, by paying a small fee, can secure a charter in any but a few states of the country, no question being asked regarding their ability either educationally or financially to establish such "school" or "college" on a reputable basis. Furthermore, after securing their charter, the incorporators can begin at once the issuing of any and all diplomas without hindrance, so far as legally established supervision or control are concerned. This is indeed the land of the free and the home of the brave, but that should not be construed that everyone has a free license to issue counterfeit diplomas or any other form of educational buncombe.—Federal Bulletin.